UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA FORT WAYNE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
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V.)	CAUSE NO. 1:15-cr-00060-TLS-SLC
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CASSANDRA WARD, also known as)	
"Kitten,")	

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE UPON A PLEA OF GUILTY

TO: THE HONORABLE THERESA L. SPRINGMANN, JUDGE, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Upon Defendant's request to enter a plea of guilty pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this matter came on for hearing before U.S. Magistrate Judge Susan Collins, on March 16, 2016, with the written consents of Defendant, counsel for Defendant, and counsel for the United States of America.

The hearing on Defendant's plea of guilty was in full compliance with Rule 11, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, before the Magistrate Judge in open court and on the record.

In consideration of that hearing and the statements made by Defendant under oath on the record and in the presence of counsel, the remarks of the Assistant United States Attorney and of counsel for Defendant,

I FIND as follows:

- (1) that Defendant understands the nature of the charge against her to which the plea is offered;
- (2) that Defendant understands her right to trial by jury, to persist in her plea of not guilty, to the assistance of counsel at trial, to confront and cross-examine adverse witnesses,

and her right against compelled self-incrimination;

(3) that Defendant understands what the maximum possible sentence is, including the

effect of the supervised release term, and Defendant understands that the Sentencing Guidelines

apply and that the Court may depart from those guidelines under some circumstances;

(4) that the plea of guilty by Defendant has been knowingly and voluntarily made and is

not the result of force or threats or of promises apart from the plea agreement between the

parties;

(5) that Defendant is competent to plead guilty;

(6) that Defendant understands that her answers may later be used against her in a

prosecution for perjury or false statement;

(7) that there is a factual basis for Defendant's plea; and further,

I RECOMMEND that the Court accept Defendant's plea of guilty and that Defendant

be adjudged guilty of the offense charged in Count 1 of the nine-count Indictment, and have

sentence imposed. A Presentence Report has been ordered. Should this Findings and

Recommendation be accepted and Defendant adjudged guilty, sentencing will be scheduled

before Judge Theresa L. Springmann by separate order and notice. Objections to the Findings

and Recommendation are waived unless filed and served within fourteen (14) days. 28 U.S.C.

§ 636(b)(1)(B).

DATED this 16th day of March 2016.

/s/ Susan Collins

Susan Collins,

United States Magistrate Judge

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